

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 720

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Greeneville High School Lady Devils soccer team upon winning the 2019 TSSAA Division I Class AA State Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful young athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Greeneville High School Lady Devils soccer team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2019 season, winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class AA State Soccer Championship; and

WHEREAS, facing Nolensville High School in the championship match, the Lady Devils won a thrilling 2-1 victory, overcoming their tenacious opponents and unfamiliar playing conditions on a smaller turf field; and

WHEREAS, claiming their third state title in five years, the Lady Devils continued their dominance of high school soccer in Tennessee under the tutelage of first-year Head Coach Jerry Graham, who previously coached the Greeneville High School boys' soccer team to three consecutive state crowns; and

WHEREAS, the Greeneville Lady Devils opened their championship run by roasting Chester County 11-2 in the state tournament quarterfinals and shutting out Murfreesboro Central 2-0 in the state semifinals before defeating Nolensville in the state championship match; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, both individually and collectively, the Greeneville Lady Devils players and coaches conducted themselves in a manner befitting the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Lady Devils enjoyed the support of their families, their community, and the students, faculty, and staff of Greeneville High School; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship soccer season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Greeneville High School soccer team displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence and championship laurels, and it is wholly fitting that they should be commended for attaining their lofty goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the players and coaches of the Greeneville High School Lady Devils soccer team upon winning the 2019 TSSAA Division I Class AA State Soccer Championship, applaud their success, and extend our best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors as athletes, scholars, and citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.